



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

August 29, 2018

On this day: In 1838, Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm announced plans to publish a comprehensive German dictionary, which was eventually completed 123 years later. At their deaths, they had only gotten to the letter E.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Voting for 2019 WLA Elections Opens Saturday



Nominations are in for 2019 WLA leadership positions! Check out our list of candidate statements [here](#), and don't forget to vote. Voting will be open September 1-30.

All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions, and ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups. Each position also has the option for a write-in candidate.

Winners will be announced October 3, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the 2018 WLA Conference, October 17–20 in Yakima. The new elected terms will begin January 1.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking an **Operations Supervisor**. The position closes September 6.

The University of Washington iSchool is seeking a **Professor of Practice – Future of Libraries, Distinguished Practitioner in Residence**. The position is open until filled.

The Seattle Public Library, Queen Anne Branch, is seeking a **Library Associate**. The position closes August 31.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Senior IT Support Technician**. The position closes September 13.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please **email** us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

NEWS & NOTES

Washington Digital Heritage Grants Awarded for 2018-2019

The Washington State Library announced 14 grants to support public, tribal, and academic libraries in carrying out a variety of digital initiatives focused on archival and special collections. These grants are supported with Library Services and Technology Act funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Grant awards are listed below. Project abstracts can be read [here](#).

- Asotin County Library in partnership with the Nez Perce Historical Society (Idaho) - \$4,000
- East Adams County Library District - \$2,635
- Ellensburg Public Library in partnership with the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame - \$8,000
- Everett Community College - \$8,000
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library in partnership with the Peninsula College

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Ten Days Left to Get Early Bird Discount!



Be sure to register for the 2018 WLA Conference by September 7 to take advantage of the early bird discount!

Registration is live for the **2018 WLA Conference!** Be sure to register by September 7 to take advantage of the early bird discount.

When: October 17-20, 2018

Where: Yakima Convention Center

We have a schedule packed full of diverse programs, compelling speakers, and fun events to promote cross-pollination between all types of libraries. This year's conference theme, "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas," honors the bridge-building and innovation happening in and outside of libraries, as well as gives a nod to Yakima's autumnal agriculture.

We hope to see you in Yakima!

THE LEARNING CURVE

WLA Preconference Spotlight: Designing Our World - Hands-on Engineering Activities

Do you work with youth? Do you ever struggle to present STEM activities because you don't "feel like a STEM person"? Are you interested in learning hands-on engineering activities that take advantage of your strengths as a librarian? Would you like more program ideas for tweens and teens? If so, then join us at this

- Library - \$7,625
- Kalama Public Library - \$6,896
- Nooksack Tribal Library - \$4,900
- Ocean Shores Public Library in partnership with the Coastal Interpretive Center - \$5,931
- Spokane Public Library - \$1,218
- Tacoma Public Library - \$8,000
- Washington State University Vancouver Library - \$8,000
- Whatcom County Library System - \$4,842
- Whitman County Library - \$4,522
- Whitworth University - \$7,729

ELOC Survey Closes August 31

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Council (ELOC) is seeking feedback from stakeholders, school administrators, educators, parents, government agencies and ELO providers, on their Action Plan. Your input is valuable, and will be used to help guide the ELOC's Action Plan development including goals and recommended actions. Click to fill out the [feedback survey](#). For the full text of the draft Action Plan, a guide for hosting focus groups and more information about the ELOC please visit the [ELOC website](#).

The survey closes August 31 and received feedback will be discussed at the next ELOC meeting on September 6.

Submit Article Ideas to Alki by August 31

It's time to submit articles for the next issue of [Alki](#). The Fall 2018 issue is a preview of the WLA Conference in October, on the theme "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas."

The [schedule of sessions](#) is up on the WLA website and we're anticipating a robust presentation of ideas, techniques, experiences and practices. In addition to preview articles on keynote speakers and conference sessions, we're also looking for stories unique to Yakima (this year's conference location), and articles detailing how your libraries are cultivating community.

Please submit article ideas to alkieditor@wla.org by August 31, 2018. The deadline to submit articles for the Fall issue is Monday, September 17. See the [Instructions for Contributors](#) for more details. Sheri Boggs, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with

hands-on workshop where we'll explore the Designing Our World resources from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry! These activities were specifically designed to be fun and engaging for 9–14 year-olds, with an emphasis on equity. The activities rely on inexpensive, widely available materials to show kids that engineering is creative, social, and altruistic. Leave with materials you can begin using right away!

This preconference workshop will be offered October 17 at the 2018 WLA Conference. [Learn more and register here!](#)

Becoming a Socially-Conscious Library

The Washington State Library's next First Tuesday webinar is "[Becoming a Socially-Conscious Library](#)," September 11 at 9:00 am PT.

As our society becomes more socially aware, libraries (staff, boards and administrations) and our public are finding themselves caught in the middle of the discussion, interest and debate. This session intends to articulate what it means to be a socially-conscious library, issues libraries face in doing-so and charting a path to full engagement as a socially-conscious library. Presented by Marcellus Turner, The Seattle Public Library.

Cultural Competence: Addressing Race Relations in 21st Century

The Washington State Library has just opened registration for [a new training](#) being offered this fall. Sessions are in Lynnwood, Tacoma, Spokane and Issaquah.

This session helps to develop participants' appreciation of their role in becoming culturally competent by: 1) providing a framework on how to address issues of equity and race; 2) creating common language for entering into discourse; 3) increasing ones understanding of diverse experiences and perspectives; and 4) developing tools for engaging across cultures. This framework considers the importance of deepening awareness of self—moving from color blindness to racial cognizance; increasing knowledge of others and their experiences of racism and oppression; developing skills to work effectively across cultures; and advocating and taking action to initiate change. Participants are taught these four components of cultural competence through lecture and small and

you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

Senate Approves Federal Funds for Libraries

August 21, the Senate late approved two appropriations bills for the 2019 fiscal year (FY 2019), which include a \$2 million funding increase for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) with level funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as well as level funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program. [Learn more here.](#)

Submit to Alki's "Milestones"

Alki's "Milestones" column focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide - recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to [Sheri Boggs](#), Alki editor, by September 17.

Have news to share? Please send it to the [WLA office](#) by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

large group discussion. Prior culturally relevant professional development is brought into context and understanding of diverse perspectives is explored.

Free Trainings: Leap into Science

Free STEM training slots still available for Leap into Science family engagement program. The Franklin Institute Leap into Science is a nationwide program that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. The focus of this year's training is balance.

The free trainings will take place on:

- September 19 in Everett at the Imagine Academy ([sign up here](#))
- September 25 in at the Auburn branch of the King County Library ([sign up here](#))

Those who sign up for these workshops will receive a free kit with all the necessary resources to replicate these programs.

The program empowers those who take the training to offer programs in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage underserved audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

Free Virtual Event with MARCH Graphic Novel Creators

ALA invites library professionals and their patrons to a [free virtual event](#) with Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, co-author and illustrator of the acclaimed graphic novel series *March*. During the event, Aydin and Powell will speak with attendees about the Civil Rights Movement and their experience telling Congressman John Lewis's story in *March*.

The virtual event is supported by an ArtWorks Literature grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and will be held at 11:30 am PT on Wednesday, September 12.
